

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily, also known as "brittle bone disease." A person is born with this disorder and is affected throughout their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, there are different types of OI with a range of severity from mild to life threatening; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for OI, treatment focuses on minimizing fractures, the surgical correction of deformity, reducing bone fragility, maximizing mobility and independent function; and

WHEREAS, increased funding for education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is declaring May 1-8, 2021 to be National OI Awareness Week, board members, staff, medical professionals, and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness.

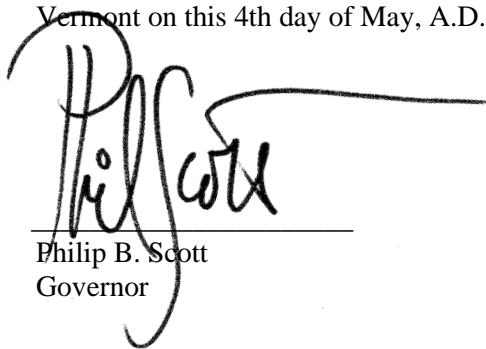
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2021 as

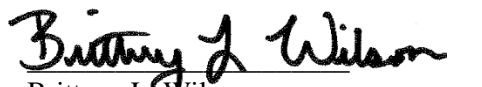
OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs